



Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Program



Leading by Example

Two Case Studies Documenting How
The Environmental Protection Agency Incorporated
Environmental Features into New Buildings

Federal Triangle



Research Triangle Park



This document was prepared in a collaborative effort by two programs within EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics—the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) and Design for the Environment (DfE) programs. Each of the programs promotes the understanding that pollution prevention can best be accomplished at the beginning of an endeavor, from the decision to purchase or the initial design. The EPP and DfE programs have documented EPA's new building initiatives to demonstrate not only how federal buildings can be designed with environmental benefits, but also how purchasing decisions are an integral part of the sustainable design process.



Design for the Environment

EPA's Design for the Environment (DfE) Program helps businesses incorporate environmental considerations into the design and redesign of products, processes, and technical and management systems. DfE initiates voluntary partnerships with industry, universities, research institutions, public interest groups, and other government agencies.



Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Program

Environmentally preferable purchasing ensures that environmental considerations are included in purchasing decisions, along with traditional factors, such as product price and performance. The EPP program provides guidance for federal agencies to facilitate purchases of goods and services that pose fewer burdens on the environment.

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This document includes references to specific products and companies that assisted EPA with these building projects. These references are included to provide additional detail and do not constitute endorsement or recommendation for use.



We want to hear from you! Please tell us about your environmentally preferable purchasing activities and efforts. We are collecting and sharing information, tools, and hints about what works and what doesn't, as environmentally preferable purchasing evolves and expands. Please contact the EPP program by e-mail, regular mail, or fax:

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